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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Sanchez", is written over the printed name and title.

Subject: **CONFICKER COMPUTER VIRUS**

Numerous official information security sources, including technology vendors McAfee, Symantec, and Cisco Systems, warned of a potential worldwide attack from the Conficker computer worm on April 1, 2009. The Conficker worm infects Microsoft Windows operating systems, which have not received the latest security updates.

As of today, I am pleased to report that there has not been a significant impact to the County's computer environment as a result of the Conficker worm. All departments properly implemented and maintained anti-virus and computer patch maintenance software, which significantly reduced any potential risks and impact.

The Countywide Computer Emergency Response Team (CCERT) led by the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) was activated on March 31, 2009. The CCERT, in collaboration with Internal Services Department's Information Technology Services, conducted daily status meetings to monitor any potential impact associated with the Conficker worm. This heightened alert status will continue through this weekend for any potential outbreak from the virus or any other related threats.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at 213.253.5600 or Robert Pittman, CISO, at 213.253.5631.

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
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